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ON
RECENT SAIPAN NEGOTIATIONS - FROM LNO TRENT ON OKINAWA
PASS TO DEPT INTERIOR FOR OSN (ACTION) AND DOTA (INFO)
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TODAY' S PACIFICDAILY NEWS (JUNE 15) CARRIES EXTENSIVE QUOTES FROM
REPLIES OF MSC MEMBERS PALACIOS, TENORIO AND RABAU LIMAN TO
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SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE BY SAIPAN STAFFER MALONE REGARDING RECENT STATUS TALKS. ACCORDING ARTICLE, THE THREE MEMBERS ASSERTED THEIR DELEGATION WAS RELATIVELY UNPREPARED AND DECISIONS WERE RUSHED ON KEY PROVISIONS THAT COULD JEOPARDIZE HOME RULE. THEY DECLARED THAT "SERIOUS MISGIVINGS

EXIST" CONCERNING APPLICATION OF U. S. CONSTITUTION ART IV, 3,2 AND STATED. "OUR ASPIRATIONS FOR SELF- GOVERNMENT COULD BE CIRCUMSCRIBED BY GRANTING THESE STILL- UNDEFINED POWERS TO THE U. S." ARTICLE SAYS

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PALACIOS HAS INFORMED MSC THAT HE AND TERRITORIAL PARTY CANNOT SUPPORT FULL SOVEREIGNTY FOR U. S. IN MARIANAS UNTIL EXTENT OF APPLICABILITY OF U. S. LAWS IS DEFINED IN A DRAFT COMPACT. TENORIO IS QUOTED AS SAYING IT IS "MUCH TOO SOON TO RUSH INTO A PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP GRANTING U. S. FULL SOVEREIGNTY... WE ARE NOT READY FOR U. S. CITIZENSHIP TODAY." STORY QUOTES THESE MSC MEMBERS: "THERE WAS AN ELEMENT OF 'TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT' IN THE TALKS AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT." COMMENTING ON MILITARY LAND ASPECTS OF NEGOTIATIONS, PALACIOS AND RABAU LIMAN STRESSED THEIR VIEW, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, THAT INSUFFICIENT RECOGNITION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO IMPORTANCE OF MARIANAS' CONTRIBUTION OF LAND FOR DEPT OF DEFENSE PURPOSES. THEY AFFIRMED DESIRE FOR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH U. S., BUT, IN RABAU LIMAN'S WORDS, TOOK VIEW THAT "OUR GIVING UP THE RIGHT FOR ANY POSSIBLE FUTURE INDEPENDENCE SHOULD RESULT IN MARIANAS GAINING ECONOMIC SUPPORT NEEDED FOR TOTAL SELF- GOVERNMENT." ALL THREE FELT PRINCIPAL RUB WAS LACK OF CONCRETE FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS BY U. S. MCELROY

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